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Media Advisory

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Subject: State Wide Shoulder Tap Operation

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Details:

On March 12, 2016, Detectives from the Huntington Beach Police Department's Special Investigation Bureau participated in a state wide "Shoulder Tap" campaign throughout the city. The "Shoulder Tap" operations used under aged decoys to target adults outside of licensed establishments, who purchase alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. The Huntington Beach detectives were joined by Alcohol Beverage Control Agents, and nearly 80 California agencies participated in the event throughout the state. The program is intended to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors.

During the operation, decoys made contact with 23 adults at various locations. HBPD Detectives and ABC Agents arrested or issued citations to 5 suspects, who agreed to purchase alcohol for the under aged decoys. Statewide, officers issued citations to nearly 340 suspects for furnishing alcohol to minors and arrested over 70 persons for various other charges.

This project is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Minor Decoy / Shoulder Tap Grant Project, funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.